

Dodd Renovation Covers MWC Seal

By AMY MALONEY
Staff Writer

This summer Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall underwent the first stage of a \$1.5 million renovation process. The reconstruction included new seating, new curtains, new draperies and new blackout curtains, as well as new paint in colors of gold and cream and new flooring.

The University also refurbished a Mary Washington College seal, which pictures a spinning wheel and a torch and has graced the wall above the stage since the auditorium was built in 1939. The seal

was cleaned, painted and colored with gold filigree.

The seal was then promptly covered by a painted piece of plywood, as the University awaits the arrival of a UMW seal which will be installed on top of the wood.

A timetable for the new seal's arrival is uncertain.

"We have placed an order for the new seal, but we don't have a firm, fixed time on it," said Stuart Sullivan, director of contract services and utilities. "It's still in design and manufacturing [it will take as long as] six weeks, as quickly as four weeks."

Many students are outraged by what they think is the University's attempt to hide its history.

"[The MWC seal] was gorgeous before, it was just redone with gold leaf and painted," said Mary Elizabeth White, a junior. "It looks dumb right now, and they spent thousands [of dollars] to fix it up just to cover it."

Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president said the decision was made because the MWC seal is no longer an official representation of the University.

"The old seal doesn't exist, the BOV removed it," she said.

This summer White organized two online forums in order to spread awareness and raise interest in

saving the MWC seal, and also began a petition to save the MWC seal.

The petition, which currently has 245 signatures, says covering the seal without notice to the student body is a desecration of the school's history and a waste of money, because the MWC seal was just renovated.

According to Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer of the University, the MWC seal will remain covered until it is replaced by a University of Mary Washington seal.

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Sexual Assault Reports Are Up

By STÉPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

University officials said the rise in reported sexual assaults is a result of heightened awareness, not increasing violence.

This past month, police received four reports of sexual assault. Only one case was reported last year.

"It may be that more widespread reporting of sexual assaults is a result of the programming that we have in place raising the awareness of sexual assault resources," said James Snipes, chief of police.

Ray Tuttle, director of judicial affairs and community responsibility, agreed.

"I don't think that we're having a greater instance of sexual assaults this year as compared to any other year," Tuttle said. "But maybe people are feeling more comfortable about reporting it."

Snipes said different offices on campus have been coordinating their efforts towards the prevention of sexual assault.

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Parking Fees Could Rise

By COLLEEN CREEGAN
Staff Writer

University administrators expect the cost of parking deals to rise to \$200 for next fall, from their current cost of \$150.

This move will mark a 100 percent price increase in two years.

"The expectation is that next year we'll take it to \$200 to finance the debt on the parking deck," said Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

The deck should be completed and ready for use in the fall 2006 semester.

The current deal cost of \$150 is a \$50 increase over last year. Last year was the first time the University required students to pay for parking.

Some students said they're frustrated with the price increase.

"I think that because a portion of our student body remembers when parking registration was free, the increasing cost is going to be met with more and more hostility," said junior Alex Fletcher.

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Steps Completed



Andrew H. Deen/Bullet

Russell Steps Done, But New Hazards Could Occur

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Assistant Sports Editor

After a summer's worth of work, and over \$300,000 worth of labor, the Russell Hall steps have been renovated, yet the William Street brick wall bordering the edge of the University of Mary Washington campus is in danger of similar costly renovations.

With over \$4 million in an auxiliary account saved for dorm and walkway construction, campus officials are waiting until the William Street wall becomes more dangerous

before engaging in such costly projects.

Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer of UMW, suggests less costly renovations, to prolong the necessity of major construction.

"The William Street brick wall will definitely need some work in years to come as the bricks are deteriorating and the weight of the hill behind it is pushing against it. As of now it is of no eminent danger to students, yet a fence might be put above the wall to

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Top: Sophomore Amanda Parsons walks by wall on William Street. Bottom: The Russell steps.



Courtesy University Relations

An architect's rendition of the new building at UMW's Stafford campus.

UMW Breaks Ground At CGPS

By BETH KRIETSCH
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington recently broke ground on a \$9.9 million building at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County.

When the 42,612-square foot building, being constructed by KBS Construction, is completed in Sept. 2006, it will hold 12 classrooms, three computer labs,

30 faculty offices, a catering kitchen, a networking lab, a curriculum development lab, and an auditorium capable of seating 350 people.

Funding for the building is coming from the state of Virginia, and has been authorized by the General Assembly.

Plans are also currently underway for the construction of an additional \$2 million, 6,615-square-foot building.

This will act as a connector

between the campus' two existing buildings.

This connector will hold tiered classrooms with arena seating, called case-study classrooms, as well as breakout rooms which offer space for students to have group meetings and prepare case presentations.

This addition will provide for more space.

"The business faculty particularly look forward to the case-style classrooms and

breakout rooms that will be built later as part of the connector to the current building," said Alan Heffner, MBA program director at the Stafford campus. "To encourage the development of learning teams and communities of learning in our classes, nearly all our business courses involve group projects, case studies, and formal presentations in class that will be greatly facilitated by

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
T-Storms

High: 78
Low: 43



FRIDAY
Sunny

High: 73
Low: 48



SATURDAY
Sunny

High: 80
Low: 48



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 87
Low: 60



MONDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 84
Low: 55

Verbatim...

"We're all on the same train now. Choo-choo."

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Sept. 21—At 11:41 p.m., the head resident of Mason Hall reported to police that two students were on the roof of Mason Hall. Police arrived and saw the 18-year-old female student and the 19-year-old male student of Mason Hall had descended from the roof. Police completed administrative referrals for both of the students.

Sept. 22—At 2:05 p.m., a facilities services manager reported to police that a contract employee was looking at pornography on a professor's computer. According to police, the professor found Internet porn site addresses in the history cache of her computer. Facilities services contacted the contractor, who talked to his employee, who denied any involvement. The contractor barred the employee from campus.

Sept. 24—At 2:05 p.m., a parent reported a missing person to police. According to police, the parent dropped her daughter, an 18-year-old female resident of Virginia Hall, off at her residence hall at 10 p.m. Friday. The two had plans to meet the next morning. When the student did not show up, the parent contacted police. Police then began looking for the student, who was not in her room or at other locations on and off campus. Police sent a description of the student to neighboring police jurisdictions, asking them to be on the lookout for the student. At 4:09 p.m., the parent reported to police that her daughter returned to her room.

Sept. 24—At 10:27 a.m., a resident assistant

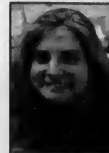
in Bushnell Hall reported to police that someone discharged a fire extinguisher, valued at \$24, and then returned it to its original place. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 25—At 4:45 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Randolph Hall reported to police that her roommate, a 19-year-old female resident of Randolph Hall, was missing. According to police, the roommate went to a party in Stafford County where she was reportedly intoxicated and had not returned to campus. Police referred the matter to the Stafford County Sheriff. The student returned at a later time.

Sept. 25—At 2:52 p.m., a 24-year-old male of Goldvein reported to police that someone vandalized his Mercury Cougar while it was parked in Lot 15. Damages are estimated at \$750. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 25—At 10:36 p.m., a residence life staff member reported to police that someone discharged a fire extinguisher, valued at \$24, in Bushnell Hall on the second floor. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Sept. 26—At 1 a.m., a 21-year-old female resident of the UMW Apartments reported to police that someone vandalized her Toyota Corolla while it was parked in Lot 30. Damages are estimated at \$750. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.



KATIE TELLER



STEPH TAIT

Tait Teller

Ask
The
Newsies

Was Mercer Hall really an infirmary during the Civil War? Did someone die in Virginia Hall and was her ghost exorcised? Are there hauntings on campus?

It all depends on what you believe. But here are the straight facts.

We checked out the first part of your question with Edward Alvey's "History of Mary Washington College," and it turns out there's no way Mercer Hospital was a Civil War infirmary.

That's because the North and the South fought it out about a hundred years before Mercer was built—the school broke ground on the building Feb. 7, 1950, according to Alvey's book.

The building was, however, the campus infirmary. It opened for 1950-1951 school year, with consultation offices, examining rooms, kitchenettes and nurses' stations.

But there weren't any wounded Confederate soldiers lined up to get to Mercer Hall.

As for Virginia Hall, we checked out that part of your question with Chris Porter, director of residence life.

She said there was not an exorcism in Virginia Hall, but Father Ron Escalante did bless the room.

She also told us a rumor about a death occurring in Virginia Hall was not true.

Porter said all buildings have weird noises, no matter how old or new they are.

But that doesn't mean there aren't ghosts. It all depends on what you want to believe.

A lot of people have died in Fredericksburg, in the Civil War and the Revolutionary War.

That's a lot of people that could be speaking around and stirring up trouble.

But Virginia Hall opened up for residents in the 1915-1916 school year, according to Alvey's book. That gives the edifice 90 years to accumulate a lot of creaks and drafts and weird noises.

The news editors are in disagreement about this subject. Stephanie thinks ghosts are real, but Katie thinks it's complete baloney.

Bottom line: Mercer wasn't home to Confederate soldiers, there was not an exorcism and nobody died in Virginia Hall.

Are there things that go bump in the night? There certainly are, but as to whether it's due to old, creaky buildings or due to something supernatural, is up for you to decide.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are
The Bulletin's news editors. Got a question?
E-mail it to bullet@umw.edu.

William Street Wall Will Need Repair

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discourage students from climbing over the bricks," Hurley said.

"Considering all of the work that was put into the Russell Hall steps, we are well aware of the long process that goes into such a major renovation," Hurley said.

The Russell Hall brick steps collapsed late last fall due to weather, wear and ground movement.

In order to make the area safe for students several wooden blockades were put in place lining the deteriorating bricks and preventing safety issues.

The steps were also blocked off as the construction was put on hold until a contractor was chosen.

Police Chief James Snipes said several actions had to be made to make the area safe for students during the time of collapse in the fall.

"We had to close off the stairway entirely and redirect students over the Marshall Hill to get to campus," Snipes said. "It could have been very dangerous for students to walk over the deteriorating bricks, but luckily no one was reported to have been hurt by them."

Former freshman and resident of Russell Hall Jennifer Wheeler had to pass over the Marshall Hill in order to get to class everyday as the steps were closed to students throughout last winter.

"People just ended up pushing the barricades out of the way and walking on the steps anyway," said Wheeler. "They were a pain and as long as we just watched our step, the stairs themselves were fine, it was just the brick wall next to them that we had to avoid."

For a while the walkway was of some concern to campus safety. Bruce Blair in the safety office claims that the situation could have been of some

danger to any student walking up the stairs during the collapse.

"It was obvious that the retaining wall was deteriorating, and it was our responsibility in the safety office to announce it to the grounds crew in order for a barricade to be put in place immediately to prevent any bricks harming students," said Blair. "It's just a shame that workers couldn't get to this wall before it collapsed."

In March 2005, *The Bulletin* reported that the project was estimated at \$200,000.

The final project, completing 46 cement and not brick stairs with a landing at the top, ended up costing over \$300,000, well over the estimate.

According to John Wiltenmuth, associate vice president for faculty services, the project was done on time and at a reasonable cost.

"If you look at all the work that was put into the project, as well as the topography of the land involving the small space and lots of trees, you have to marvel that it didn't cost more," Wiltenmuth said.

"The work all had to either be done by hand, or by very small machinery, the landscaping around the trees didn't allow big machines to get back there."

Hurley agreed with Wiltenmuth on the cost of the project.

"We contracted the company who offered the lowest bid and considering the amount of irrigation that had to be done in the area, as well as all the work that went into it, we are pleased with the outcome," Hurley said. "The wall has been worked on all throughout the summer. We started on graduation day and finished everything except the railing—which is due to be fixed within a week—the day before school started."

The railing has since been completed. The brick-laying and labor-intensive work was all contracted out to Robert Skipper of Pro-Construction in Richmond, who was unavailable for comment on the project.

Freshman Russell Hall resident Katie Cuilla is glad that the steps are now completely finished.

"[During construction] There [were] a couple of times that I [was] running up the stairs late for class and the yellow construction tape tripped me pretty badly," Cuilla said. "The workers completing the project as we were first moving into the dorms were noisy and in the way a lot, but now they have cleared out."

Wheeler is also glad for the new residents of Russell that the project has been completed. However, she is displeased with the cost.

"Architecturally I think that the stairway is nice," Wheeler said. "I think that the cement looks out of place and considering that they paid so much for it, I think that it could have been

made completely out of brick to match the rest of campus."

Funding for this project comes out of an account that is designed specifically for landscaping projects such as this.

Wiltenmuth refers to the account as the auxiliary reserve fund.

"There is a reserve account that I like to consider my 'rainy day account,'" Wiltenmuth said. "This account is funded by room and board payments. A portion of room and board goes into this account every year for projects such as this." Hurley explains the nature of the financial account, as the state of Virginia does not cover such expenses.

"The state gives us no money to cover dorm costs, walkway costs, or renovations to the dining hall. So, when students pay room and board, 3 percent of that cost goes into this account," Hurley said. "Right now the account is a little over 4 million as it has been building for several years."

The cost of room and board last year for students was \$6,002 per student, 3 percent of that being \$180.06 which was all put into this auxiliary account.

However, the question still remains on why the William Street brick wall is not fixed before it collapses onto the road, in a similar manner that the Russell Hall bricks collapsed onto the steps.

In response to such a question, Wiltenmuth does not think that enough money is available, as he does not want to completely drain the auxiliary account.

"If I had the available funds today I would immediately fix that brick wall on William Street before the entire thing collapses," Wiltenmuth said. "Until then, as with everything, we'll just have to wait and see with our fingers crossed."

Parking Decal Prices Could Rise To \$200

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Fletcher thinks the only ways to alleviate this problem are through the institution of a new system to issue decals, and the timely completion of the parking deck for next year.

"I understand the school's position, but it is difficult to rationalize spending \$200 for the chance of getting a parking spot on a fairly inconsistent basis," Fletcher said.

For freshman Lauren Oddenfor, news of the proposed increase was a bit easier to swallow.

"Considering that I wasn't here two years ago when parking was free, I'm probably not as upset as the upperclassmen are," she said. "But considering it used to be free and now it's \$200, I think that's pretty ridiculous."

According to Hurley, the cost of decals should not go above \$200 unless the

University decides to build another parking deck, as reported by *The Bulletin* in April.

Despite the expected price increase, there is some good news for UMW students. Administration is planning changes for the process of buying a parking decal, according to Rick Pearce, associate vice president of business and finance.

"There has to be something we can do; it was just ridiculous, the whole situation," he said after witnessing the chaos in the Underground as 1,121 students waited in line over a two-day period.

Pearce will be coordinating with the department of information technologies and campus police to figure out a more efficient method for students to buy decals. He plans to find a way for students to purchase them online, but does not have any other details yet, other than the fact that students will benefit from the changes.

"That's definitely a goal of ours, to

reduce the long lines that students dealt with," said Hurley, who was also uncertain at this point of the specifics for next year.

Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, also addressed the need for change.

"Something different will be done next year. The students handled a difficult situation very well, especially after rising early and then having to wait," he said in an e-mail.

"We all agreed that their initiative and show of responsibility deserved better," Chirico said.

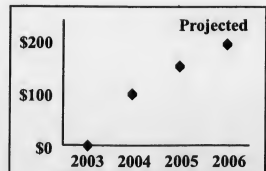
Some students are excited to hear about the proposed changes, and feel they are long overdue.

"I think it's good that UMW recognizes there's a huge problem with the process of buying parking stickers and that they're trying to rectify that," said senior Laurel Hammig. "But I also feel that paying \$200 for a sticker is ridiculous."

She will be paying full price for a parking sticker next year, because she will be at the University for one semester to finish her double major in historic preservation and geography.

As the system stands now, students cannot purchase a decal on an individual-semester basis, and Pearce said the administration is not considering that as an option.

"We need a steady and reliable flow of money to finance the parking deck, so we aren't



planning to change that part of the system," Pearce said.

Other schools in Virginia are utilizing technology to make things easier for students. Many larger public colleges and universities are now allowing students to pay for parking online.

Students at James Madison University can purchase parking decals on their school's Web site using a credit card. According to the school's Web site, students can also review their parking permit history and pay for citations through this system.

Virginia Tech also uses a similar system. Students can order a decal and either pick it up or have it shipped to them, after paying by credit card on the school's Web site.

Pearce said he will work on plans to improve the parking decal system at some point over the next few months.

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Editorial Have Some Friggin' Courtesy

So, you're walking down campus walk and notice an acquaintance of yours at 50 yards away.

She notices you too.

It's now quite obvious that you've acknowledged each other, but at what point do you say hello?

You're too far away to initiate conversation, but simply staring until conversational distance is established as creepy, while acting like you don't see them is just rude.

What do you do?

It's safe to say that we face these situations every day.

Not to mention the awkward wave at someone who doesn't see you, the obligatory hello to someone you met once, having to vary your walking speed so that you and the stranger next to you aren't walking together, or even the extremely uncomfortable situation of talking with someone who then stops to talk to someone else while you're left standing there like an idiot.

It's difficult to determine a solution for these issues, except: be friendly, be considerate, and don't take this stuff too seriously; it happens to the best of us.

Life is only awkward if we make it so.

Editor's Note:

In last week's *Bullet* editorial "Justice Has Not Served John Ames," John Ames was mischaracterized twice as the article stated he "murdered" Perry Brooks. In fact, Ames was acquitted of all charges and the article should have stated the "death of Perry Brooks" or the "killing of Perry Brooks." We apologize for the incorrect terminology.

Conflict Between Palestine And Israel Is Not One-Sided *Students Suggest Taking A Closer Look*

The following two columns were written in response to "Stop Ethnic Cleansing Now" (Sept 22, 2005, *The Bulletin*).

By SHADIEH ABED
Guest Columnist

Joe Katz really needs to educate himself on a situation before he writes about it. In last week's *Bullet*, Katz wrote a very discriminating and untrue editorial blaming the Palestinians for numerous things that were false. I am going to set the cards straight for *The Bulletin* readers.

Katz wrote that the Israeli soldiers are fulfilling their part of the peace agreement by pulling out of Gaza. They did, but Gaza is Palestinian territory; it belongs to the Palestinians.

Secondly, they might have pulled out, but why shouldn't they have? When the soldiers are in Gaza, they take advantage of their power and do things to hurt and scare many innocent families.

Wouldn't you want to be free to walk outside your house without a bulldozer coming toward your house?

Thirdly, they pulled out and killed. What do I mean? The Israeli soldiers pulled out of Gaza.

Then, on Sept. 23, they pointed a missile at a Palestinian car in Gaza and killed four innocent citizens. On Sunday, as the New York Times reported, twenty

Palestinians, including women and children, were injured in an attack in Gaza by the Israeli soldiers because the facilities they were in were "suspected" to have been used by the Hamas. Sure, the children are part of the Hamas.

Also, the Palestinian cars have different colored license plates than those of the Israelis. This way, the Palestinians are a sure target.

I understand that many innocent Israeli families had to leave their homes and move, and I sympathize with them.

Katz also wrote that the Palestinians are teaching their children in school to murder the Jewish people. Has Katz been attending a Palestinian school along with UMW? I didn't think so.

Well, I talked to many Palestinians who have attended school in Palestine, and they assured me that they are taught math, science, English, etc. They, however, do not take "How to Kill the Jewish 101." There are many

Palestinian Muslim/Christian and Jewish families in America and overseas that are friends, some even best friends. I, in fact, have many.

Katz also wrote that Palestinian Muslims have driven out the Palestinian Christians. As I

mentioned before, Palestinians Muslims and Christians are friends, and will only stay friends if no one creates a frenzy the way Katz's article did. Articles that bring false hatred into the world are

Well, did he happen to know what the peace agreements said? Sure, they were giving Palestinians some of the Palestinian land back, but they conveniently excluded the most fought-over piece of land, the Holy Land. The Holy Land is sacred to the Muslims, Jewish and Christians, and the peace agreement dictated that the Muslims never to come to this land.

The agreement also required the Muslims to tear down their mosque and sacred place as well as forget their roots in the heart of the Holy Land. The Palestinians rejected the offer, and the Jewish people would have done the same.

Before Katz wrote the article, he probably should have done a little more research. He could have talked to Palestinians who have lived there and experienced the unthinkable. He could have listened to Arabic TV reports. The U.S. media is one-sided when covering news in the Middle East, and so is Bush.

That's why Katz would have needed to look at other sources for information.

In Palestine and Israel, a lot of innocent kids, women and men get hurt and killed each year. The violence needs to stop—I agree. I wish it would for the sake of many Jewish and Palestinian lives.

Shadieh Abed is a junior whose nine older brothers have made her tough.

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In Katz's article, he said the Christians were able to seek refuge in Israel, the only Middle Eastern country to "respect ethnicity and diversity." Well if they respected it so much, why are so many innocent "ethnically diverse" Palestinians dying because of Israel?

Katz also wrote that the Palestinians rejected two peace agreements a few years back.

By PHILIP ARNONE
Guest Columnist

I am writing in response to Joe Katz's editorial on the current situation in Palestine. His article, while claiming to represent peace, is filled with blatant falsehoods that will not help to bring peace, stability or prosperity to the region.

Like all of the members of Students for Justice in Palestine, I am firmly behind the peace process and believe that the road to peace lies through open and honest dialogue, understanding and a willingness to listen to each other's grievances. Spreading lies and defaming the character of the other side is the kind of behavior that led to conflict in the first place.

Mr. Katz claims that the Palestinian Authority is encouraging violence against Israelis, despite the fact that the PA has unilaterally renounced violence and has called on all Palestinians to join its call.

Its call has been answered by virtually every group within the Palestinian political spectrum, including Hamas, who released a statement

renouncing violence, and declaring Israel's right to existence, as long as Israel remained peaceful. Mr. Katz seems to have overlooked these fundamental good faith gestures on the part of the Palestinians. These facts run in stark contrast with Mr. Katz's statements.

Furthermore, Mr. Katz will have us believe that by withdrawing from Gaza, Israel is obeying the roadmap. But Israel remains not only in stark violation of the road map, but of international law.

Twice, the United Nations have declared Israel's occupation of Palestine to be illegal, and it remains illegal under the Geneva Convention to occupy a foreign land with military force and forcibly erect settlements on the conquered land.

Both the international community and the road map call for a dismantling of all Israeli settlements in the West Bank, something that Israel has not done, and is not considering doing anytime soon.

Israel also has chosen to further violate international law by building its "security barrier," a wall that will encroach on nearly 30 percent of the West Bank and force hundreds of

thousands of Palestinians from their ancestral homes. Israel is not complying with all of its international obligations as Mr. Katz claims, but is in fact in violation of nearly every one of them.

The PA has never attempted to ethnically cleanse any of its territory as Mr. Katz claims, unlike Israel, which has forced millions of Palestinian refugees into exile, and continues to force many thousands more out of their homes. These are hardly the practices of a government committed to peace, and certainly not those of a government that respects ethnic and religious diversity.

Peace is the desire of both peoples, and is deserved by all people. A real peace agreement needs to be reached, not like that proposed in 2000 which would have left Palestine without territorial integrity, without control over its borders, and would have given Israel the right to intervene in Palestine's internal affairs. That is not true peace.

Both Israel and Palestine have the right to exist, and the security of both lies only in the true freedom and independence of both.

Phil Arnone is a sophomore.

Learn How To Speak

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

My name's Katie. How are you doing today? If the answer is "I'm doing good," you're wrong. That's because you're doing well.

It's called an adverb, folks. It describes a verb, and the verb in this case is "am doing." "Good" is an adjective and it describes a noun.

Anyone in my French class can tell you I'm really, really bad with the language of love. I mean really bad. I don't know the conjugation of le verb etre, and I can't speak to save my life. I've got the English language pretty much figured out, though. But most people don't.

Internet abbreviations: On AOL Instant Messenger, it's really aggravating when friends say, "Hey, how r u doing?" Does it really take

that much effort to write out Y-O-U and A-R-E? I don't think so. For me, the aesthetic drawbacks of seeing "U" and "R" standing alone give me all the reason I need to put forth the colossal, Herculean effort required to type in the extra few letters. Text messages work the same way. If it's really that time-consuming to type out the letters, you should try calling.

Spelling: It's an easy mistake to make, right? They sound alike. Not an excuse. You're in college; get with it. In other words, if something doesn't bother you, it doesn't faze you. Faze.

Not phase. Effect is the noun and affect is the verb — except when you effect change.

Apoptosis: I was at the grocery store last week when I saw "carrot's" on sale. I cringed and got the really bad tingly feeling. If something is plural, there is no apostrophe. There is no apostrophe if said plural word ends in a vowel. If you are talking about several long-necked wild animals, they are llamas. They are not "llama's."

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Huswifery Club Stirs Up Interest

By ANDREA CHRISTIE
Staff Writer

The definition of huswifery is the business of a housewife or female domestic economy and skill, according to dictionary.com.

Four women on campus, however, expanded this definition into a new club for all students, female and male.

"We were all really interested in domestic, household things," said senior Karla Brooks, president of the Huswifery Club. "We all have our specialties, but most of us like to cook and eat good food."

The idea for the club stemmed from their interest and the urge to help other students increase their domestic knowledge.

"We're not encouraging people to quit their jobs and be domestic," Brooks said. "We just want to equip students with the knowledge of how to do things. Many students graduate, get out on their own and don't know how to cook three meals a day for themselves."

The Huswifery Club began last year when Brooks; Gina Gay, treasurer; Leanne Shannon, vice president; and Julia Scott, secretary, decided to come together and offer their ideas to the students on campus. Their first event was club carnival.

"We went out there with a TV tray and about 50 people signed up," Scott said. "We ended up with about 15 to 20 active members, [including two men]."

According to Scott and Brooks, last year was a "trial" year for the club, saying they wanted to first see how much interest people on campus would have for it. At their first meeting last year, the students learned how to make chicken pot pie.

"We were really gung-ho at the beginning of last year," said Scott. "But we ran out of time and money."

Last year, the club was not official and therefore received no funding from the school. This year, the organization received club status after filing with the Inter-Club Association (ICA), so the club will now have a budget.

They also already have a club sponsor, Tember Smith, internship coordinator for career services.

In the huswifery club, no activity is mandatory. Members just come to the events they are interested in.

Last year's events included knitting lessons, a gluten free meal (Scott is gluten intolerant), a holiday cookie bake off and a Mary Kay party.

Junior Cori Pippins attended the first two meetings of the club.

"They have a good idea for the club. I really like that kind of hands-on stuff, so I thought I'd give it a try and learn some new things," Pippins said. "I wish I could have kept going with [the club], but I had so many other commitments."

The huswifery club schedules its meetings around interest from its members and activities they want to do.

Last Thursday, the club had its first meeting of the year at the UMW apartments' club house. Of the 117 students that signed up at club carnival this year, 16 attended.

Members made icebox cakes and aprons to kick off the club's first meeting. Members also discussed plans for the upcoming year.

"We just throw around ideas and see what people want to do," Shannon said. "One girl had the idea of trading household secrets."

The club officers hope to have one cooking event and one activity a month.

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Courtesy Karla Brooks

The Huswifery Club's first meeting of the year took place at the UMW Apartments. Member Victoria Crawley stirs batter to make an icebox cake.

Congressional Chef Cooks for Campus

By LAUREN ROAN
Staff Writer

Newt Gingrich would have a 14 oz. steak, potatoes, and a coke for lunch everyday.

Collard greens are served with every meal at the United States Congress Cafeteria, but two blocks down the street at the State Department collard greens are rarely used in any of the dishes.

President G.W. Bush loves Tex-Mex and chile peppers.

Luis Herrera, executive chef for the University of Mary Washington's dining services, learned all this and more in his six years as executive chef for Congress.

During these years, he cooked for President Bush, both senior and junior, President Clinton, New York Mayor Giuliani, and Queen Noor of Jordan.

Herrera has also held positions in hotel kitchens, restaurants, and country clubs in the Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia area. Now he finds himself at the University of Mary Washington and he is as content as ever.

Herrera was born in Cordoba, Spain to Luis Herrera, Sr. and Rosalinda Cordova. His mother is from Columbia and his father from El Salvador.

His father worked for the United Nations, which caused their family to move frequently. In 11 years, Herrera moved from Portugal, to Argentina, to Chile, to Brazil.

By the age of 13, his family had settled in Mexico and stayed there for six years. Eventually his father's job took the Herrera family into a military school in Mexico and after completing his service he decided on a career in architecture. He enrolled at the University of Mexico as an architect.

Herrera designed and built seven houses in Mexico. It was during the early stages of his career that he met his wife and moved back to the United States.

"I took my wife to meet my parents in New York when she was pregnant with our first child," he said. "As soon as we stepped off the plane she knew she wanted to stay in the United States and with that we began the move."

Architecture wasn't very profitable for Herrera and his family in New York, and eventually he found himself looking for a new job.



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Luis Herrera worked six years as the Executive Chef for Congress. Herrera cooks in Seacobeck's kitchen as the Executive Chef for Mary Washington's dining services.



Herrera notes his early childhood in Spain as reason for his cooking profession.

"I guess it was only natural that I turned to cooking now that I think about it," he said. "My nanny, Matilda, in Spain, was always in the kitchen."

At a young age Herrera was making homemade cheese and preparing wine sauces.

Herrera went back to the National University of Mexico and majored in Hotel and Restaurant Business Industry.

Herrera has sampled every facet of the cooking industry. Before coming to Mary Washington, he worked for Congress and the State Department. His meals were sampled at events such as Colin Powell's retirement party, Mayor Marion Barry's birthday, and a dinner party for the Queen of Saudi Arabia.

"At first the job with the United States Congress was new and exciting, but after six years it became quite boring. The people of Congress are meat and potato folk," Herrera said.

Meat and potatoes left little for the cultured and creative executive chef. For example, everyday Newt Gingrich would have a Coke with his lunch. When he found out that the dining

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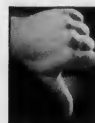
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To Quizno's chicken and corn chowder.



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Huswifery Club Offers Students Domestic Help

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One activity, in particular, for November is a "Tastefully Simple" party.

"It's like a Tupperware party with food," Shannon said. "I heard about it from my neighbor at home, she's a consultant."

Shannon, who arranged the party for the club, looked on Tastefully Simple's Web site and found a consultant for Fredericksburg. Tastefully Simple sells mixes for various baked goods. At the party, the consultant will make the food and members can taste test it.

The officers hope to have another knitting and crocheting activity, as well as a Mary Kay party. Other possible activities include a healthy cooking meeting and lessons on how to cook various meals, taught by chefs from downtown.

"I work at Frederick's downtown," Shannon said. "The chefs could teach us how to make dinners that are easy."

Although activities for the year may not be set in stone yet, officers have one goal in mind. "We [the club officers] are all seniors," said Scott. "So we really want to get people interested and have fun this year."

Freshman Dasha Schaffer attended the club's first meeting of the year.

"I wish people wouldn't look at [the club] with such bias [thinking] that the kind of people who join are submissive," she said. "But that's definitely not the case. The club is full of strong and independent women."



Courtesy Karla Brooks

Junior Marcella Cavallaro, a Huswifery Club member, makes an apron. Last year, some of the activities included a knitting circle and a holiday cookie bake-off.

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classes at
Goolrick**

Seacobeck Executive Chef Cooked for President



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company had a contract with Pepsi, he made sure Coke would be available for his lunch and began petitioning for Coke products.

Herrera's days would range anywhere from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., unless Congress was in session. During these times, the staff was unable to leave until a vote was passed. That meant that during some highly debated Congressional votes Herrera would not leave D.C. until three in the morning.

But as time progressed, many political events, such as the Clinton Impeachment hearings and Sept. 11th changed the environment Herrera had become accustomed to.

Herrera remained with Congress for another year after Sept. 11th, but the job became more strenuous and no longer fun.

"Sept. 11th created a sour and sad environment. Government officials were constantly crying and debating. I didn't want to surround myself with that everyday," he said.

Herrera still wished to stay in the area with his family and began applying for work at local country clubs and restaurants in Washington D.C.

"My favorite job was probably the position I held at Tysons Corner Country Club because of the amount of freedom I had to create different menus," he said.

There was no budget or limit on what he could do. The membership fee to join the club is \$2000 and that is only to enter the club. The cheapest bottle of wine was \$125.

The owner of Tysons Corner Mall, the CEO of Pepco, and other high profile customers were only some of the people to try Herrera's cooking.

Throughout the majority of his career, Herrera has spent much of his culinary experience surrounded by extravagance.

Herrera emphasizes there is a lot more to being a chef than cooking. It also includes an understanding of people.

"I'm more than a chef. There is definitely some psychology involved. It's not just cooking, it's taking care of people."

—Luis Herrera

Herrera recalls a time where a customer asked to speak with him about the meal.

"The man was angry, but it was obvious it was more than the meal that had made him so irritable. When I came to the table he threw a glass of wine on me," he said. "It was apparent on both his and his wife's face there was nothing I could have done or said to make them happy."

Herrera understands both food and people. This combination enables him to handle the responsibilities as executive chef at Mary Washington.

At Seacobeck everyone Herrera works with describes him as approachable and accentuates his hard work ethic.

"There are many nights I stay here until midnight or later. For example, last week, from Wednesday to Saturday I stayed at a hotel close by. I only live 35 minutes away, but when you have so much to do those 35 minutes can mean so much," Herrera said.

But Herrera's long hours never change his notably happy personality. Katie Wilson, a sophomore at UMW and employee at Seacobeck, agreed.

"I never knew he worked so much because he never seemed stressed and always asked me how I was doing and stuff like that. It was always others before himself," she said.

His job as executive chef requires him to do scheduling, make menus, train employees, and more. His office is small and cluttered but remains a testament to his hectic, demanding schedule. Every inch of wall space is covered by either cork board or clip boards, each with a different schedule or something that needs to get done or signed.

But cooking still remains a large part of his job, seeing as 80 to 90 percent of the food in Seacobeck is made from scratch.

The budget, dietary needs of certain students, and nutritional values all add to the challenges Herrera looked for when he came to Mary Washington.

Students with special dietary needs never bother Herrera, and he sees them as a challenge and enjoys experimenting with various foods. He said students with dietary restrictions, such as vegans, also request special dishes.

When not in Seacobeck, Herrera returns home to his wife and four children, ranging from ages nine to 23.

"My 18-year-old daughter wants to be a chef, but I'm not sure I want her to follow in my footsteps," he said. "Being a chef is all about dedication — you really have to love what you do."

But he continues to be supportive and remains sane, no matter how hectic his schedule gets.

"I close my eyes and think of Spain, that is where my heart is. The fresh smell of saffron and fresh cheeses," he said. "As soon as I am ready, I'm retiring and following my heart back to Spain."



Alexandra Borys-Bullet

Luis Herrera creates a dish in the Seacobeck kitchen. A Seacobeck employee closely observes.

Scene

Writers, Ideas Find Haven In Bookshop

By MEGHAN COYLE
Staff Writer

In downtown Fredericksburg, where the massive amounts of antique shops and civil war paraphernalia almost dwarf the culture surrounding it, one little store's desire is not to dwell on the past, but bring the present community together. The store is the Wounded Bookshop, and their tools of choice are that of "the art and letter."

It may seem romanticized, but the mission of the Wounded Bookshop, situated toward the very end of Amelia Street, is truly that: "To stimulate the exchange of ideas, and foster a collaborative education between those who cherish the world of the arts and letters and the public at large," as quoted from the Fredericksburg Athenaeum pamphlet.

It is this Fredericksburg Athenaeum that started the little bookshop in 2003, bent on giving the community what they felt was desperately needed — a place where people can come together as a community and express themselves while getting reacquainted with the world of literature, music, philosophy and many other subjects that are often ignored at this present time.

"The reason the space is here is to promote discussion," said Paul Lewis, director of the Fredericksburg Athenaeum. "We are a bookshop, but it's more of a fundraising mechanism. It's how we make money to keep the lights on."

Lewis could have kept it at a bookstore, and the Wounded Bookshop would still have shined. Upon entering the shop one is greeted by the overwhelming odor of old literature, quite possibly an English major's Mecca, and a rather beautiful setting for anyone else who happens upon the shop.

The walls are lined with shelves of book after book, mostly used, donated to the shop by people who wanted it to succeed as a place of learning and culture. The floor creaks as readers explore the different sections, labeled with small hanging chalkboards. Both the first and second floors, worn like the spines of some of the classic novels they house, have the aura of old — not old in the sense of broken down but more in the sense of wise. Something has to be said about a 200 plus year-old building, containing works written far earlier than that time.

The beauty behind the store, however, is not the atmosphere; it is the ideas. It is not only a bookstore, but an art shop, now the home to many paintings by Michael Dean. It is also a musical venue, hosting an open mic night for acoustic musicians every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. Even further, it's not a venue, but an ear for all those who perform at the open mic poetry night, occurring every third Friday of the month.

The open mic poetry nights, recommended for ages 14 and up but truly open to anyone, are just one of the facets of the store. Yet for the community, the nights make a great impact.

"There is such a variety of ages and different people from different places, with truly great ideas," said Maureen Madera of Fredericksburg. "The beauty is that everyone is very open to what is being presented."

"Open" is the key word of the poetry nights. Open to

all ages, all forms of written word, all races and religions and most importantly, open to the opinions of all who attend.

"There is a very accepting audience," said Larry Turner, local resident of Fredericksburg and author of "Eden and other Addresses." "A lot of people come to listen and not to read, which I found unusual as compared to other places I have read."

According to Lewis, on any given night, anywhere from 10-50 people can show up to read their poetry. It is on these nights that you can hear a man, woman or child divulge their darkest secrets, tell their best jokes or just fully express themselves. Seventeen-year-old Jimmy Norton was a perfect example when he performed at open mic night on Sept. 16.

On a small stage surrounded by bookshelves sat a table and chair with a microphone that anticipated the next reader. Norton, however, chose to stand. He read a love poem while in constant motion on stage. Whereas most people slowly read their piece, Norton went on a tangent, never ceasing to speak as if getting the words out would somehow quiet his ever-running mind. He wrote poetry about having so many ideas, all-slipping away too fast for him to catch up. He also read an impromptu piece, written two minutes before it was performed, about the girl who was sitting in the front row, Mary Washington sophomore Monic Escamilla.

"It's the same feeling as when you're walking alone on the sidewalk and you see a car's headlights crossing the yellow lines, and just when you think they're about to hit you, they swerve," said Norton, describing the feeling of performing his poetry out loud.

With that being said, it seems the most interesting aspect of the open mic night is that it is the birth of an author, rather than the death of one. In these modern times where a piece of poetry is increasingly becoming viewed more as an object all its own, completely separate from what the author might have intended, the open mic night gives the author back their voice; both infusing the author's perspective, and inspiring the creative minds of all who listen.

"If any of the words I say offend you, I don't care," said one participant. It was those comments that made blood rush to the face of the listener, a blush of embarrassment, and then of the joy one gets out of hearing such private thoughts spoken so candidly.

Rod Vanderhoof, author of "The Cry of the Shidepoke" and resident of Bumpous, Va., said, "Reading your work is stimulating, the big problem is trying not to say too much."

Vanderhoof writes prose, and has been reading aloud since 2004, when he joined the Riverside Writers Club. Sept. 16 was his first time reading at the Wounded Bookshop after Turner recommended it.

Word of mouth seems to be how this little store gets around. Now with everything from music, to poetry, to exhibits and book signings, The Wounded Bookshop is much more than what its title portrays. It is a wealth of experience and ideas open, and more importantly, created for everybody in every generation from youthful Norton to the mature Turner and Vanderhoof.

"What we do is raise awareness of what being a reader means, and what arts and the letter mean to the community," said Lewis.



Meghan Coyle/Bullet

Jimmy Norton of Fredericksburg reads at one of the Wounded Bookshop's open mic nights.

Students Rubbing Elbows With Rock Stars

University Sends Five To The 25th Annual CMJ Music Marathon

By KATIE MOLINARO
Staff Writer

As senior Mandy Gabriel and juniors Sarah Eckman and Emma Interlandi sat on couches overlooking the Drive Thru Records Showcase and a crowded audience below, they were glad for a break from standing up.

Just as they were declaring Avalon the most hospitable venue in New York City, they realized that they were in the wrong place.

"Everyone else in the room knew everyone else," Interlandi said. "Then we were like, 'Hey, that guy was just on stage.'"

Slipping into the VIP room was not the only way students met bands and musicians at College Music Journal's (CMJ) 25th annual Music Marathon in New York City. From Sept. 14-17, conference participants had an opportunity to rub elbows with keynote speaker Reverend Run of Run-DMC, the members of

Coheed and Cambria and executives from record labels that included Columbia Records, SonyBMG and Geffen Records.

Aimed at up-and-coming musicians and filmmakers as well as college radio decision-makers, the CMJ Music Marathon featured discussions and some concerts and movie previews during the day. At night there were more films and concerts at over 50 venues in New York City. The concert venues included Bowery Ballroom, famed punk rock club CBGB and the Knitting Factory. There were a certain number of concert tickets for sale to the public, leaving room for some of those with the conference badges.

While Gabriel, Eckman and Interlandi attended the conference on behalf of Giant Productions and Lauren Jurgensen and Zach Zuro represented the university radio station, WMWC, some University of Mary Washington students decided to go to the CMJ Music Marathon on their own. Senior Dave Hutchinson and sophomore Adam Holofcener, both members of Giant

Productions, volunteered for CMJ. The conference provided badges for them, but both were responsible for their own transportation and lodgings.

Hutchinson's duties varied from day to day. One day he spent seven hours at the door of a panel location checking badges. He also spent time as a personal assistant for one of the women in charge of the CMJ Music Marathon.

But Hutchinson and Holofcener still had time to attend concerts. Holofcener won a coveted ticket to the Arcade Fire show in Central Park, where David Bowie joined the band for two songs.

"I felt relieved when I won the Arcade Fire ticket because they were one of the bands that I wanted to see the most, and after working hard to get to CMJ I was glad to know that I wasn't going to miss out on them," Holofcener said.

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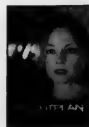
New CDs This Week

1. Sheryl Crow: "Wild Flower"
2. The Bloodhound Gang: "Hefty Fine"
3. Ric Ocasek: "Nexterday"
4. The Rolling Stones: "Bigger Bang"

All CD release dates were Sept. 27, 2005.
All CD cover art courtesy of allmusic.com.

Top 3 Movies

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1. "Flightplan"



2. "Corpse Bride"



3. "Just Like Heaven"

What Is Your Favorite Movie Quote?

Anna Lowell/Bullet



"Hey wastoid, you're not gonna blaze up in here!" [from 'The Breakfast Club'].

-Alicia Haynes,
Sophomore



"My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die," [from 'The Princess Bride'].

-Greg Savage,
Sophomore



"I want you to hit me as hard as you can," [from 'Fight Club'].

-John McAvoy,
Freshman



"And it was like wicked dark down there. You couldn't see a thing. How's it going Bob?" [from 'Finding Nemo'].

-Meghan Monahan,
Junior



"You need more than guts to be a good gangsta, you need ideas," [from 'City of God'].

-Shin Fujiyama,
Senior

The Knitting Factory: Not For Grandmas

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Holofcener wasn't the only one in the audience excited to see the show.

"When Bowie came out stage with his white sunhat on, I, and most of the people in the crowd, almost lost control of our bowels," Holofcener said.

The conference wasn't all rock stars and glamour, though. The students stayed busy during the day also.

"It was a very rigorous schedule. We wouldn't get back to the hotel until two or three in the morning, then we would have to wake up for panels," Gabriel said, who, along with Eckman and Interlandi attended on behalf of Giant Productions.

The panels were worth waking up for, though.

"It was really educational," Gabriel said.

Planned by panel director Jennifer Odell,

the panels ranged from "Score That Bling With a Ring: Ringtones, Mobile Music and Marketing" to "Image or Ego: Making Your Schtick Stick" to "Music Copyright Genetics: The DNA Circle of Rights and Applications." Odell, who is a freelance journalist most of the year, compared the brainstorming process to creating 75 story ideas.

"You have to get a balance, like writing journalism stories," she said.

In addition to balancing the topics, Odell had to pick speakers who could appeal to a varied audience with little to no budget to entice them.

"You would be surprised how people will just get on a plane and pay with their own money to share something that is special to them with younger people," Odell said.

Jurgensen, a sophomore and music director at the University's radio station, WMWC, benefited from one such mentor when she met with Gus Peña, editor-in-chief of the magazine Chord.

"The information he provided me was more valuable than anything else I garnered at CMJ," Jurgensen said.

Bringing back valuable information is the very reason that the University sends students to the conference every year, this year at the cost of \$2,460. The price includes the registration fee, train

tickets to New York City and transportation within the city and hotel accommodations for the five students that the University sponsored.

Director of Student Activities and Community Services Tami Goodstein also attended the conference. She has attended with students for the past six years that she has worked at the University.

While the cost may seem like a lot, Gabriel contends that in the long run the school saves money by sending students to the CMJ Music Marathon.

According to her, not only do the panels teach strategies for discovering up-and-coming bands, which charge less than bigger acts, the CMJ Music Marathon also explains the level of professionalism and efficiency that will make booking entertainment easier and describes features that have been popular at other colleges.

"I have gotten some ideas for things I want to do this year," said Gabriel, who is senior co-chair of Giant Productions and also attended last year.

Engine Down, who performed at the Underground last year, and MewithoutYou, who opened for The Juliana

Theory three years ago at the University, were both bands recruited because of their CMJ Music Marathon performances.

"You can tell if they're a good band even if you don't like their music," Interlandi said.

Meeting other student entertainment organizations, especially from nearby colleges, is also valuable. The University saves money by booking bands early and by booking bands that are already touring in Virginia.

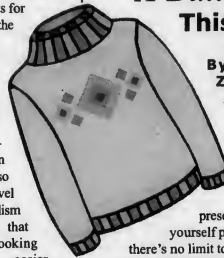
Jurgensen acquired advice from experienced radio station managers and also brought back some CDs for WMWC.

Sending members of Giant Productions and WMWC together also facilitates collaboration between the two groups because of their similarities.

"They're music dorks like we are," Hutchinson said.

“When [David] Bowie came out on stage with his white sunhat on, I, and most of the people in the crowd, almost lost control of our bowels.”

-Adam Holofcener



Bullet Hits

A Bullet Editor's Top Five Picks
This Week:

Places to Buy Cheap Stuff

By ZACH BOWMAN
Assistant Scene Editor

1. Goodwill

Goodwill barely eked The Salvation Army out for No. 1 on my list of places to find great cheap stuff. It is perhaps the haughtier of the two enterprises, boasting a wide selection of white, skin-tight jeans and sweaters that look like they were present at an explosion at the Crayola plant. But if you can force yourself past the lingering funk of old people, wet cigarettes and moth balls, there's no limit to what you may find. Between the painfully '80s and the dreadfully cheesy you can find plenty of respectable clothes. Where else can you find an original Ghostbusters T-shirt, or one that proudly proclaims "Hockey Rules"? If the thought of looking exactly like another mindless clone in line at American Eagle makes you nauseous, or if you can feel your soul being sucked from your body every time you step through the doors of Abercrombie or Hollister, this might be your best bet for apparel. Besides, why pay \$75 for jeans with holes in them when you could pay 75 cents?

2. The Salvation Army

Who can beat a store name with the word 'army' in it? It brings to mind visions of hordes of grey-haired old ladies volunteering on their Saturdays. Aside from the sheer awesomeness of its name, The Salvation Army cannot be touched as far as cheap furniture goes. I myself recently walked (or drove as the case was) off with a \$15 couch that looks, and more importantly, smells as good as it did on the day it came home from the factory. Need a whole bedroom set but don't have three grand to dump on a pile of oak? Try the Salvation Army. The best part is, even if at the end of the year your couch ends up tie-dyed in coffee and Sobe stains or your night stand ends up in splinters after a freak lacrosse accident, you can still sleep soundly knowing you dropped an insanely low amount of cash on both.

3. Pawn Shops

Despite Quentin Tarantino's best efforts to scare America out of pawn shops forever, these sleazy little jewels live on. It's a good thing too. Where else would you sell your mother's wedding ring, your father's leather jacket, your brother's Playstation and your little sister's Barbie doll collection at the same time if you needed to? Most pawn shops proudly proclaim on their barred windows "We buy and sell ANYTHING of value" and they're dead serious. I've seen everything from butter knives to big block engines in pawn shops. There are a few drawbacks to the whole pawn experience. No. 1 is you have to be willing to barter as in the days of yore. Every price in a pawn shop is grossly inflated for this very reason, and if you're not certain of the value of what you're after, you might as well hand the man behind the counter (who probably has one finger missing and three gold teeth) a blank check. The second drawback is your conscience. That nagging little voice will remind you that someone desperate for money sold whatever it is you're buying and was probably horribly taken advantage of in their time of need. Don't worry, that voice will subside after it sees what a steal you got on your two 300-watt speakers.

4. Classified Ads

Classified ads are perhaps the easiest of the great places to find cheap stuff. They come in your paper every day. You sit down wherever you like and scan the columns for whatever you may want or need. Need a used oboe? Classified ads. A wedding dress? Classified ads. A priceless antique? Probably not, but maybe in the classified ads. The sheer passive nature of the ads is their greatest asset. You'll never have to fight some old woman for a suit coat (what did she need that thing for anyway?) or have to con your conscience into buying something in the classifieds. You simply call whoever is selling what you want and arrange a fair price, most of which are already fair. Could it be any better? The only drawback is the lack of selection. This usually means you have to scour the ads over and over again for anything of use to you. That's alright though, grab a bagel and a coffee and relax for five minutes.

5. Yard Sales

Call me twisted after years of being dragged from one stranger's yard to the next every Saturday when I was young, but yard sales remain one of the best places to find cheap stuff. They are the culmination of all four of the previously mentioned institutions. The clothing of Goodwill, the furniture of The Salvation Army, the selection of pawn shops and the atmosphere of the classifieds. They are the grab bag of cheap stuff. You never know what you'll find if you're willing to get your butt out of bed on Saturday morning and roam from yard to yard. The downsides are as plentiful as the upsides however. First, lots of driving is involved and that means gas, defeating the purpose of the idea "cheap." Second are those old ladies, who seemed so sweet when they were volunteering, now throw bony elbows and glares anytime you get close to something they want or think they want. Lastly they are a hit or miss deal. You can find an incredible vinyl collection for a buck or Cousin Tim's sock collection for \$50. Roll the dice, baby.



Courtesy Tami Goodstein

From left: Mandy Gabriel, Dave Hutchinson, Lauren Jurgensen, Tami Goodstein, Emma Interlandi, Zach Zuro, Sarah Eckman and Adam Holofcener eat lunch during the CMJ Music Marathon.

Viewpoints

Late-Night Studiers Rule

By BENJAMIN VIGEANT
Guest Columnist

Trinkle Hall's 24-hour study hall is an incredible place, like a perpetual admiration chapel at a church, but instead of a Christian God, to some god of academia. UMW students shuffle in at all points of the day and sit down in the rather squeaky chairs and study.

For all of us acolytes of the hall, there is a type of person that doesn't play by the same rules. While we use Trinkle in passing, perhaps once or twice a week, that person is constantly and reliably there. These high bishops of the study rooms of Trinkle also do something that we peons would consider unthinkable. These beings (for I believe them to be some highly-evolved strain of human) study at 2 a.m. on Saturday.

Why are we here as students but to further ourselves academically? Are we here to make ourselves worldlier? Perhaps learn how to think critically in situations? We're spending the dough while wasting it away with our passing social situations, which are so insubstantial that in the end we'll probably feel guilty about having wasted our time.

For those of us Trinklites who use the study hall regularly, it almost comes off as something of a class system. After our time here at UMW is up, we'll move on to menial desk jobs pushing paper and writing technical jargon.

These beings will be our bosses, our leaders, our presidents. There's something unusually

focused about them, the way their eyes stare off far into the distance like there's something much better coming along.

What could they be reading? God only knows. The frank truth is that we can't go up and approach someone in the middle of his or her studies at 2 a.m. It'd be like smashing a cocoon or stealing an infant's lolly. It remains a mystery what they read.

Could it be the literary classic "Moby Dick,"

and the reader is using the silence to provide his or her own sound effects? The devastating silence of the ocean, there is nothing more symbolic of mankind's hubris. Maybe they're reading a biology lab manual and dissecting a rat or some sort of woodland creature right there on the table, using the solitude of the study hall to their advantage.

Perhaps the person is writing a book on the moral decay of colleges illustrated by the fact that no one studies at 2 a.m. on Saturday mornings anymore. The book would have interviews by old timers who studied at 2 a.m. all the time, and consider the fact that students no longer study at 2 a.m. a cryin' shame.

"Yeah, I studied all the time at 2 a.m. Perhaps sometimes at 3 a.m. And maybe if I was feeling a little randy... 4 a.m. Kids today, they just don't appreciate a good late-night studying session like I used to. Why, I can tell you that I met my Betty when I was studying late at night. I was reading Chaucer and..."

The sorry fact is that we just don't know, we will never know. We plebes will just have to work in the fields while they continue their studies in a gilded tower far above us. After we graduate, we probably won't get to see them as regularly anymore, so relish these moments, fellow students. This is your best chance to see greatness. Even if you put the Leaning Tower of Pisa on top a Great Pyramid and stuck it into the Grand Canyon, it still would never top the wonders your eyes will see.

Maybe, though, they just got kicked out because their roommate wants a little alone time with their respective loved one, so they grabbed their iPod, a comic book, and some Doritos and decided to hang out in a quiet place on campus that's pretty well lit. Whatever the reason, I salute you, late night Trinklites. Godspeed.

Ben Vigeant is a sophomore whose first breakup was with his nursery school girlfriend. To this day, they don't talk.



Fed Up With The Country's Problems? Vote For Walken

By ALEX CHAPMAN
Guest Columnist

So it's pretty much common knowledge at this point that Bush summoned Katrina himself using arcane Republican wind magicks he learned at Harvard while getting his double major in whittling and humming "dueling banjos."

Personally, I'm appalled that the president of our great nation would do such a thing, and so is the media. Liberals all over the country are adamant that had we elected a Democrat, things would be vastly different, and I must say I have to admit their claims have some veracity.

Its apparent to anyone with a familiar knowledge of democratic ways that Kerry would have donned his lucky baseball cap and challenged Katrina to a one-on-one extreme caged wrestling match.

Of course, Katrina is a hurricane void of sentient thought or a traditionally tangible wrestling form, so even if it did happen to pass by the site of the match purely by coincidence, it would basically just batter Kerry's frail human body against the cold metal cage as it passed by relatively unscathed.

Regardless, as a country, we applaud his

noble efforts and unmatched bravery in fighting Hurricane tyranny.

Then again, I have to give it to the Bush administration and their handling of the situation. Their most recent solution to the national security and defense dilemma is both logical and elegant.

On Sept. 20, 2005, U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced the creation of the "Ministry of Super Security Awesome Patriot Excellent Task Squad Delta Force."

The force will consist of armor-clad Persian war elephants with Kaiser helmets, severe personality disorders, and giant speakerphones that play "Cotton Eyed Joe" non-stop as they trample fear into the poor and Islamic in this great land before they think about looting or, well, being Islamic.

Despite the virtues of both parties and their respective fights against evil, a new challenger has appeared in the political street fighter arena. A man who needs no introduction. A man who has struck fear and delight simultaneously into the hearts of millions.

You might be asking yourself at this point, "He said the man needed no introduction, yet he is most definitely giving one. In addition my current line of thought could hardly be thought of as questioning myself. No, no, I'm certain

my thoughts are quite declarative." The man is none other than the 1997 world champion of my heart, Christopher "Long Johns" Walken.

You'd think this article would be building up to my endorsement of Walken, but you guess wrong, idiot. I don't need to endorse him. Walken is like a giant walking billboard and do you know what that billboard says? It says "Holy she't, I'm Christopher Walken." His platform and all that jazz can be found at www.walken2008.com, but honestly, I would vote for the guy if his platform was that the hearts of babies taste better if you let them develop to maturity before sacrificing them on a Mayan temple. In fact, scratch that. I'd vote for him twice if that was his platform.

We can all agree that the Republicans have it right when they tell us again and again that as a nation, that we must unite in killing science before it marries itself. We can all see the merit of the democratic plan to build a prehistoric crater-sized 7-11 penny tray to solve the nation's economic problems.

But when you get right down to it, can you ever see a Republican or Democratic candidate threatening to stab the other in the eye mid-debate with a soldering iron? Discounting Nixon, I think not.

Alex Chapman is a sophomore who is distrustful of other people's shadows.

Respect The 'Do, Please

This letter was written in response to "Keep It To The Center" (Sept 15, 2005, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

Have you ever leaned back in a car or bus and just weren't able to achieve the right level of comfort? Tossed and turned in bed because your head could not come into contact with your pillow no matter how hard you tried? Been mistaken for a boy because your hair was hidden behind your head?

Luckily, those of us who happily sport side ponytails have never had to deal with these types of problems.

With that being said, I would like to apologize if I have offended anyone by violating the "sacred hairstyle" by moving my ponytail over a few inches—which obviously I have, judging by the editorial written a couple of weeks ago.

In case no one was aware, a regular "back" ponytail does not compliment a round face, but in fact accentuates the features. Congratulations to you, side ponytail-bashers, for making anyone who is already self-conscious about her face, now self-conscious about her hair as well.

It just so happens that the more flattering and, easy-to-achieve option is the side ponytail. So, for those people who happen to enjoy looking like everyone else on campus, by all means, continue to wear your back ponytails.

But for those who would like to live a little, I would encourage you to "skew the visual symmetry of the human body" and indulge in a side pony every once in a while.

Marissa Govoni is a sophomore who likes to defy nature every so often with her side ponytail.

Janna Liggan is a sophomore who claims that if she had long enough hair, she would also happily sport a side ponytail.



Stop Abusing Our Language

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Leading by example? While I claim no allegiance to the left or the right, it really, really bothers me when the president of the United States can't speak correctly. He can't. I don't care if you're a member of the vast right-wing conspiracy or an equally bad bleeding-heart tree-hugger, you have to admit our president is as dumb as a pile of bricks when it comes to knowing things like grammar.

Not a word: I hate to break it to you, but you'll never converse with anyone again. You'll converse.

And by the way, "irregardless" is a made-up word, too. The word is "regardless." The -less suffix indicates that it's negative, and adding the -ir is just redundant. It's so redundant, in fact, that the next time I hear it, I'll report it to

the Department of Redundancy Department.

Literally: Oh my gosh, it was literally so hot outside. As opposed to what? Reality check: Literally means the opposite of figuratively. That is to say, you only use the word "literally" if you need to distinguish that you're not speaking in metaphors.

It means, in the true sense of the word, that you're not screwing around with exaggerations, idioms, proverbs or metaphors. For example, if you spill gasoline on yourself like I did one time, you might say, "This stinks. This literally stinks."

Needless to say: If it's so needless to say, then why the heck are you saying it? If it goes without saying, if it's intuitively obvious to the casual observer (a phrase coined by the great Stephen P. Stageberg) and if everyone knows it, then don't say it, Captain Obvious.

In conclusion: Everyone seems to think English is a backward, convoluted language that doesn't make any sense. I think it's only backward and convoluted if you don't know how to use it. I might seem like a grammar Nazi, but I promise I'm not. I break the rules sometimes — I end sentences with prepositions, I say "y'all" and "all y'all" and I can't even pronounce the words "stairs" and "rural." (They usually come out as "steeceers" and "rerl," but I make no apologies.)

I digress. According to Katie Teller's Rules to Live By, there exist certain tenets of the language that cannot be broken. The series of assaults on our lingua franca could escalate into an all-out gang-bang of the English language.

And I'm concerned.

Katie Teller is a senior who can't wait to graduate.

Sports



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Left: sophomore Glenn Gray attempts a shot at goal. Right: junior Tommy Park battles with Washington & Lee University senior Matt Wallace for control of the ball yesterday. The Eagles have won two consecutive games thanks to a much improved offense.

Eagles Pluck CAC Goucher College

By DAVE GLOVER
Staff Writer

Everything has been going right for the University of Mary Washington men's soccer team lately.

After a series of let downs and disappointments to start the year, the Eagles have battled back to a 4-4-2 record (1-0-1 in the CAC) thanks in part to its currently unstoppable offense.

The Eagles have hit their stride, outscoring their last three opponents 9-3, culminating with Saturday's shooting clinic at the Battlegrounds against CAC rival Goucher College, in which the Eagles defeated the Gophers 4-0.

Goucher College, who has beaten UMW only once in 21 meetings, again seemed helpless as

juniors Chris Dolan and Tommy Park, who have started all nine games, terrorized Gopher goalkeeper Tom Feuerstein all day.

UMW outshot Goucher 15-4 as Dolan netted his fourth and fifth goals of the season.

The Eagles first got on the board seven minutes into the first half when Dolan placed the ball past Feuerstein off of a poorly played penalty by Goucher.

However, it wasn't just the offense that turned in a nearly flawless performance. Led by senior goalie Elliot Jones and senior defender Andrew Shin, the defense once again shut down the opposing squad.

Sophomore Yusef Harden knows the importance of an effective offense.

"I think the key to this week's win was the fact that our team was able to score in front of the

goal," he said. "Our finishing was definitely optimal."

UMW finished three more successful offensive drives that afternoon, the second goal of the day coming off an assist from sophomore Vincent Kooijman to Park for the score.

The Eagles went into half time with a 3-0 cushion after sophomore Ben Smith snuck the ball past Goucher for the goal.

UMW continued to dominate the boards in the second half, the final score coming from Dolan for the second time that day off an assist from freshman Tommy DiNuzzo.

The Eagles could not have picked a better time to catch fire. After yesterday's game against Washington & Lee University, UMW will face three straight road games, culminating with the annual showdown against Salisbury University.

Kooijman, who was voted CAC player of the week for his hat trick performance against Frostburg State University, summed up the team's win best.

When asked how the Eagles have been playing lately, he responded "superb."

This week became that much sweeter yewhen UMW defeated Washington & Lee University yesterday in the final minute of regulation.

The Eagles and the Generals battled back and forth throughout the game, neither team able to compose an offensive attack that would result in a goal.

With time quickly running out Harden became the hero of the game when he netted the ball past the General's goalkeeper for the 1-0 win.

UMW will travel to take on North Carolina Wesleyan College Saturday at 3 p.m.



Dave Glover

Globe writer, declared that the AL East race was over and that the Red Sox would take first place for the first time since 1995.

It seemed likely, Johnny Damon, Big Papi, and Manny Ramirez were on fire, Matt Clement and David Wells were pitching like aces, and the Yankees looked lost.

Who could of imagined that now in September, the Yankees would be in the hunt for a playoff spot with a starting line up of Aaron

Red Sox Nation Gears Up For The Final Showdown

Oh, the joys of being a Red Sox fan.

In June, Dan Shaughnessy, the famous Boston

Small, Shawn Chacon, Al Leiter, and for the most part ineffective versions of Randy Johnson and Mike Mussina?

This is what baseball is all about: the soap opera that is the rivalry between the Red Sox and Yankees.

Every year someone will say, "Hey, It would be nice to see someone else win", but we all know that when it comes down to it there is nothing more compelling, more dramatic, or more entertaining than the show that these two teams put on year after year.

Since 2003 (the year that most consider the renewal of the long time rivalry) the Sox have played the Yankees 68 times and have taken 34 out of 68, a record of .500.

This is unfathomable. There has to be some higher being controlling the fate of these teams and every year these so-called baseball gods decide to make life a little more chaotic either by having Pedro Martinez perform Tae Kwan Do on Don Zimmer, or by making Mariano Rivera seem mortal for just one night (or six if you want to be technical about it).

This weekend is epic for the Red Sox. This is when they can prove that in 2004 they really did "reverse the curse".

The last time the final weekend of the regular season decided the fate of the AL East pennant was in 1949, when Ted Williams and the Boston Red Sox had 2 games against the Yankees and only needed to win one to make the playoffs. Joe

DiMaggio led the pinstripes past the Red Sox, and as they say, the rest is history.

This year is different however; the Sox are defending world champs, (a phrase that still sounds strange no matter how many times you say it), they came back from an 0-3 deficit in last year's ALCS to beat the Yankees, and the reality is that the AL Champion will likely come from the central or west division because pitching wins championships and the Yankees and Red Sox both lack strong pitching departments.

Some will still call this weekend the "world series". Whatever you believe, it's hard to deny that when the boys from the Bronx venture into Fenway Park this weekend for the last time this year, it will be a memorable experience.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 29 - Women's Soccer vs. Christopher Newport, 4 p.m.

Oct. 1 - Field Hockey vs. Lynchburg, 1 p.m.

Oct. 5 - Volleyball vs. Catholic, 7 p.m.



Athlete of the Week

*Freshman goalkeeper
Laura McCarthy
recorded eight saves for
the women's soccer team
during their 3-0 shut
over York College of
Pennsylvania.*

Eagles Fly High Over York

Women's Soccer Defeats Spartans In 3-0 Shutout Saturday Afternoon

By **AMANDA BURNHAM**
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team made an early statement to York College of Pennsylvania on Saturday, reminding everyone who won the Capital Athletic Conference last year.

Senior Amy Kingsbury thought her team prepared well for Saturday's match up against the Spartans.

"We came out with a killer instinct, all of our energy was there and finally all of us were playing together," she said. "That's how we came out and scored right away in the fourth minute and kept our lead the whole game."

The Eagles crushed York College of Pennsylvania at the Battlegrounds in an impressive 3-0 game.

UMW's record now improves to 5-3 overall, and 2-0 in conference play.

The game started out strong for Mary Washington, who took control of the ball from early on.

In the fourth minute a through ball from freshman Hannah Pearson set up junior Jaclyn Gebbia for the shot, as she touched it in from around the 18-yard-line to put the University of Mary Washington on the board first 1-0.

"It was a quick shot to the left of the goal," said Gebbia. "It was great. The whole game was awesome, and we needed a win over a good team like York to keep our confidence up."

UMW remained in control of the tempo for the rest of the game. Freshman forward Katie Patchett scored two goals in the game, the first at 32:56 off a pass from freshman Kelley Hardgrove that put UMW on the board first.

Patchett's second goal came with only 1:19

remaining in the first half when she scored unassisted off a right-footed shot to put Mary Washington up 2-0.

Patchett and Gebbia now have four goals apiece for the 2005 season.

The Eagles dominated York on offense throughout the game as they out-shot the Spartans 23-10.

Kingsbury was pleased with the offensive effort in the game.

"Our offense has really been clicking lately," she said. "We all wanted to bury this team, and that's just what we did."

UMW goalie, freshman Laura McCarthy, demonstrated a strong defensive presence as well. She has also shown remarkable improvement in the season so far, as she got her second shutout Saturday with eight saves in the game.

"I was really happy with how we played together on Saturday," she said. "We played great as one unit."

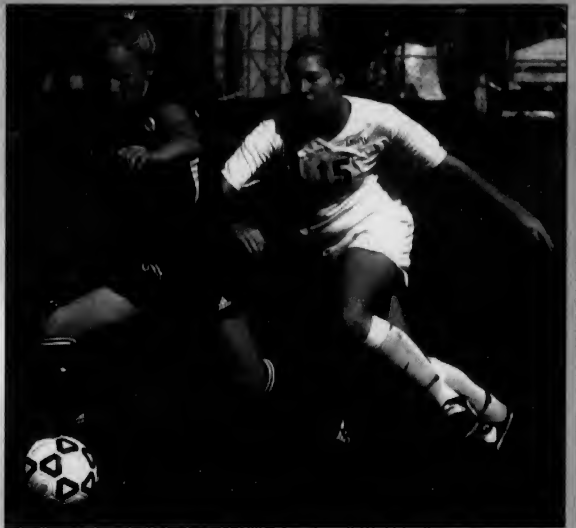
With the pressure of being the main goalie for the Eagles as a freshman and leading the team's defense, McCarthy has had an especially impressive season.

"I've had some big shoes to fill after Mary Elizabeth Fulco [last year's goalie] graduated, but the defenders have all helped me get into the games, especially [sophomore] Kristina Ashwell and [senior] Heather Hapeman," said McCarthy.

McCarthy is very pleased with the way the season has been developing, as well as the shutout performance against the York College Spartans.

"The game against York was definitely the best we have played so far," she said. "It was a really big shutout for me, considering how good York is as a competitor."

York came into the game with only one loss. Their record now falls to 1-1 in the conference,



Bullet File Photo

Senior Heather Hapeman battles to regain possession of the ball during a 2004 game. The Eagles have a lot to live up to after winning the CAC championship last season. Despite the loss of many key players from Fall the Eagles had a strong performance against conference rival York College of Pennsylvania Saturday, defeating the Spartans 3-0.

and 6-2-1 overall.

The Eagles will look to extend their winning streak when they host Christopher Newport University today.

Gebbia anticipates a very competitive game against the Captains.

"CNU made it to the elite eight with us last

year in the NCAA tournament, so they are a really good team, and it should be a great game," she said.

Kingsbury agreed.

"We now know not to let down, and we won't," she said. "We're all aboard the same train now. Choo-choo."

Field Hockey Corners Roanoke



Bullet File Photo

Sophomore Sarah Healy hustles after the ball during a fall 2004 practice. UMW's hard work finally paid off when they beat Roanoke College Sunday.

Eagles Dominate Maroons, Get Declawed By Cardinals

By **KELLY GASKILL**
Staff Writer

Before each game, the University of Mary Washington field hockey team chooses a word to inspire them to win on the field that day. Preparing to play the Roanoke College on Sunday, the Eagles' game word was "challenge."

And a challenge was exactly what UMW gave the Maroons, shutting them out 3-0.

Freshman midfielder Amy Hruska was the first player of the game to score a goal with only a few minutes remaining before halftime. The score meant even more to Hruska because it was her first collegiate goal.

"I was really excited about my goal," she said. "The team word today was challenge and the whole team stepped up. I just followed suit."

The Eagles were determined to defend their home turf and were pleased to be the first team to get on the board and set the tone for the rest of the game.

Despite UMW controlling the tempo of the game, Roanoke did put up a fight with many offensive breaks down the field.

Roanoke sophomore forward Liz Hudson took the ball into the circle at five minutes into the second half but was quickly denied when Mary Washington goalie junior Kat Brown easily blocked the shot.

Senior Brynn Maguire put the Eagles up 2-0 in the second half, slipping the ball past several Roanoke defenders for the goal. Maguire cemented the win in the last 31 seconds of the

game on a penalty shot, giving UMW the 3-0 shutout.

"I saw the opportunity and shot [the ball] in" Maguire said. "I was really happy with the way we played and I'm pumped for the next game."

The Maroon's goalie sophomore Lindsey Paz had 13 saves while UMW's Brown had four saves, giving the Eagles a great defensive advantage.

Sophomore forward Stefani Loveley was very proud of her team's performance.

"There were a lot of give and go's," she said. "We really trusted each other and worked as a team. It just felt good."

Head Coach Dana Hall was very pleased with UMW's ability to "challenge" the Maroons.

"The team's playing well together," she said. "We keep getting on the field and practicing very hard. It was a good team effort today."

On the heels of an exciting win over Roanoke, the Eagles then fell to CAC rival Catholic University on Tuesday, 4-1.

Junior midfielder Lauren Allen was the only Eagle to score, but this wasn't enough to garner a win. A strong offensive attack by Catholic led to 20 shots on goal for the game, versus UMW's four.

Brown had 11 saves in the net, but UMW was unable to put together an effective offense to counter Catholic's four goals.

Mary Washington is now 4-6 on the season, and 2-2 in CAC play. After a tough loss, the Eagles will look get back on track when they host Lynchburg College Saturday at 1 p.m.

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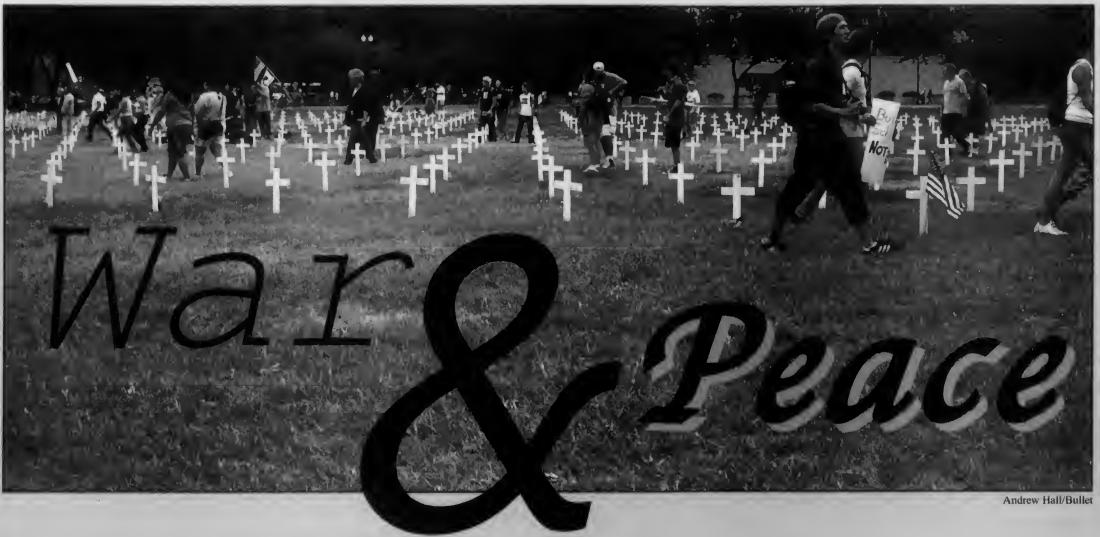
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As Troops Continue to Serve in Iraq, Protestors Challenge The Policymakers That Sent Them Overseas

By JONATHAN TRENARY
Special to The Bullet

There was something overwhelming about the United for Peace protest that took place on Sept. 24. A surge of efficacy echoed through the streets of Washington, D.C. under a multitude of banners and slogans. The event itself did not appear to be driven by one issue, but rather by a general wave of dissent that brought together people from all over the United States.

The demonstration was officially organized to protest against the war in Iraq, however many people showed up to confront other issues in American politics.

The government's response to the situation in New Orleans was a prevalent theme amongst protesters. At one point I found myself in what appeared to be a "Katrina" crowd, each member holding up signs that said things such as "make levees, not war," and "New Orleans: Our New Fallujah."

As I walked by the intersection of G Street and 9th Street I found myself amazed at the sight of communists smoking cigarettes with neo-Nazis gazing onward as police arrested two anarchists who had rushed the police moments before.

Although there were numerous groups of people from all walks of life present at the protest, tensions were relatively low. There was heavy police presence; however they seemed to be at ease for the most part, casually smoking cigarettes or making conversation with their fellow officers.

Kelsey and Megan Betz, two University of Mary Washington freshmen present at the protest both said they felt safe and that the police were neither too overbearing nor were they neglectful of the large crowd of demonstrators.

There were several people, however, who were unsatisfied with the amount of police presence in the downtown area. One James Madison University student whom I spoke



Stephen Lupstad/Bullet

Participants in the United for Peace rally march by the Whitehouse this past weekend. Nearly 100,000 protesters joined in the events throughout Washington.

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Below: Conservative counter-protestors stand in front of the commerce building as United for Peace participants pass by.

Left: Uniformed servicemen participated alongside veterans in the anti-war rally.

- First Person -

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with was irritated at the inaccessibility of certain parts of the city that were barred by police barricades.

The large police presence did not deter the protesters from expressing themselves. Many people at the protest indicated that they felt a sense of community coming from the crowd.

"I felt empowered by the energy of the other protesters," said freshman Colin Turner.

With very few counter-protestors it was easy for the protesters to maintain a feeling of what one Mary Washington student called "positive energy." That is not to say that the counter-protestors were not heard.

Those against the protest crowded a street corner near the starting point of the march and proudly displayed their signs as well. Signs ranged from short quips like "Make love after war," to long criticisms concerning Cindy Sheehan.

The energy of the protest gave on the feeling of being in some sort of huge organism, like some sort of creature that kept feeding off its own power. With tens of thousands of participants the enthusiasm and vigor of the protesters was evident.

With the stress of Katrina acting on the government, it remains to be seen whether this demonstration will make a change in policy or whether the voice of the protesters will fall short at government's feet.



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Above: United States Capitol Police patrol the crowd on horseback.

Right: Protestors took up their places below the Washington Monument.

Opposite page; left: Counter-protestors demonstrate along the march route on G Street; right: Social commentary puppets, like this one depicting President George W. Bush, adorned the parade route.

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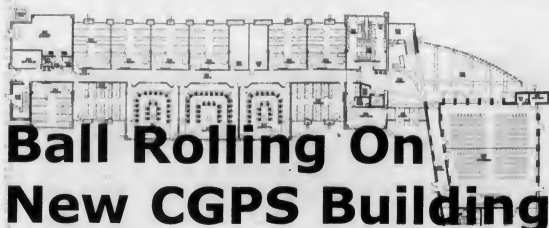
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Ball Rolling On New CGPS Building

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having breakout rooms available for students to meet in and work on their team projects."

According to Meta Braymer, vice president for graduate and professional studies, the school has expanded rapidly over a short period of time.

"Growth has been phenomenal at the college since its opening in 1999," Braymer said. "Classes have filled to capacity and we have had to do a good deal of 'creative scheduling' to run our programs. We hold some classes on Saturdays, as well as utilize other schools in Stafford County for their classroom space."

The graduate school, which offers bachelors' and masters' degrees, has experienced exponential growth in recent years.

When the school opened in six years ago, there were 40 students enrolled.

At the start of the 2005 school year the number of students enrolled increased by twenty-fold, with enrollment above 800.

The number of classes that the school offers has increased from 13 to 86 in the six years of the school's existence.

The campus, located on Warrenton Road in Stafford County, currently has one 59,000-square-foot building to house the 801 students enrolled in its degree programs and credit bearing courses.

The new building will nearly double the educational space the campus has to offer. Heffner is excited about the new building.

"We are very short on available lab space for classes. The new building will offer some desperately needed additional computer lab space for our students," he said.

Many faculty members are excited about moving to their new offices when the building is complete.

According to Brenda Vogel, director of teacher education programs, all of the offices will be filled by faculty members when the building opens.

There are currently 25 staff members at CGPS, and searches for new faculty members will most likely occur this year as well.

This is a drastic increase from the four full time and one part time faculty members the campus started with in 1999.

"The faculty are looking forward to moving into the second building because they will have more traditional office spaces, not the cubicles of the first building that are without doors or walls that go to the ceiling," Vogel said.

While the campus is used during the day for things such as leadership training and certification courses, the college offers all of its credit bearing courses at night.

This allows people to work during the day, and obtain their masters degrees during the evening hours.

The school currently offers three degree programs including bachelor of professional studies, master of education and master of business administration.

The MBA program offers eight concentrations, the bachelor's program has five concentrations, and the education program offers five areas of study.

There are not any new degree programs being offered at the college for the 2005-2006 school year.

However, new concentration offerings include an MBA concentration in risk management and insurance, an M.Ed area of specialization in instructional technology and leadership, and two new bachelor of professional studies concentrations in accounting and network security.

According to Braymer, additional programs are expected in the future as the campus grows and more buildings are constructed.

Braymer said the course offerings at the college will eventually evolve as local demands change.

People from the community seeking degrees, and employers from the area who need employees with certain degrees, are often brought in to give their opinions on what programs should be offered.

When there is a large demand for a certain program, college officials make an attempt to offer it.

"It is wonderful that Mary Washington has given this opportunity to people in the area," Braymer said. "We have to keep a close watch on what programs are needed. We work with people in the community to see what is needed. The process really has hit it right."

Braymer expects the tremendous growth at the Stafford campus to continue.

Unlike the undergraduate campus in Fredericksburg, the CGPS still has room to grow.

Braymer said the campus currently has enough land for four buildings, with additional land in Stafford County available for eventual use as well.

Braymer has hopes that construction on a third building will begin in 2008.

More Assaults Reported in '05

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"[The higher reporting] may be a function of more widespread reporting of sexual assaults is a result of the programming that we have in place raising the awareness of sexual assault resources," Snipes said.

One of the offices Snipes coordinates with is judicial affairs.

"I think we did a lot more this year during orientation to educate students about sexual assault," Tuttle said.

Freshmen orientation included the showing of a movie, "Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol."

Chris Porter, director of Residence Life, said residence life staff is trained to handle students who are sexually assaulted.

"When a person is involved in a sexual assault one of the things that is taken away from them is their own ability to control what happens," Porter said. "I feel very strongly about not resting further control out of that person's hands."

Porter said students are informed of the different actions they can take in response to a sexual assault, anything from medical attention, to judicial action, to police intervention, to counseling.

One of the options offered to student is the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault.

Ellouise Adams, a counselor with RCASA, said victims of sexual assault can benefit from talking about their experiences to a counselor.

"Rape is a life changing experience," Adams said. "I recommend that they find someone that they can talk with, someone who's willing to listen and not tell them 'It's no big deal.' It is a big deal."

Adams encouraged sexual assault victims to come forward and report the crime.

"It is the victim's choice as to whether or not they are going to make a report to campus police," she said. "We hope that they do."

Tuttle said there are victims who are reluctant to report sexual assault because of the circumstances surrounding the situation.

"People say 'I shouldn't have gone to his room, I shouldn't have been drinking,'" he said. "I think that if there is the misconception of the female that if the woman was intoxicated it was her fault."

Tuttle said some victims don't report sexual assaults because they are afraid of the repercussions if alcohol was involved.

"We hear people saying that they don't want to report it because they were drinking,"

he said. "If you were sexually assaulted when you were assaulted, we will put the intoxication to the side."

As long as the perpetrator is a student, Tuttle said judicial affairs can handle the matter, regardless of where it happened.

"That's the difference between this and other judicial offenses," Tuttle said. "We're going to handle the situation because it has the ability to damage the community as a whole."

In addition to administrative support and assistance in sexual assaults, there are also student facilitated resources.

Sophomore Mary Elizabeth White is the student leader of a sexual assault awareness group on campus.

The group, comprised of people who have either been the victims of sexual assault, or are the friends or relatives of sexual assault victims, is a support group with a policy of complete confidentiality.

"We're here for each other and for anyone else in the school who needs a shoulder to cry on," White said.

White, who was a victim of rape in high school, said she got involved in the group because of her own experience.

"I want people to have somewhere to go for support," she said. "Because I didn't."

If you or someone you know is the victim of sexual assault, the following resources are available:

Campus Police:
Ext. 1025

RCASA:
540/371-1666

Residence Life:
Ext. 1058

Judicial Affairs:
Ext. 1660

Dodd Redone, Seal Covered

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The new seal will cost approximately \$4,000 to build and install, all of which comes from state funds, Hurley said.

Hurley also said direction to install a UMW seal came from President Anderson.

White began both a livejournal and a facebook community to try to raise awareness of the covered seal. A livejournal is basically an online diary that also allows social networking; similarly facebook.com is a Web site that allows online social networking between colleges and universities.

White has not spoken to faculty to get their opinion or to cultivate their support, but plans to do so soon.

White said she and other petitioners do not mind the idea of a new seal, but wish that it was not at the cost of the MWC seal.

"A petitioner suggested having both seals displayed in the auditorium, to show where we have been and where we are going," White said. "I think that is a good compromise."

But some officials don't think so.

Corbin said "several ideas were kicked around, [but that the UMW seal] would be off center if placed next to the MWC seal."

The new Dodd seal will be a three-dimensional relief of the University of Mary Washington seal, according to Corbin. The new seal depicts a torch and an open book.

Corbin has high hopes for the University's reception of the new seal.

"[The new seal] is modeled after this year's

University bookstore Christmas ornament," she said. "It is really, really attractive. We thought, 'This will look really sharp.'"

White plans to organize a peaceful protest outside of George Washington Hall sometime soon.

"I'm trying to figure out when would be best for a peaceful, silent protest, without signs or anything," she said. "Kind of like a sit-in outside of GW, for a visual representation of supporters."

Junior Tessa Merna, who is on the Student Government Association's executive cabinet, is one of those who discovered White's Web site.

"I found out online on livejournal, saw the information and was kind of appalled by what was happening and tried to spread the word about what was going on," Merna said.

Merna said she is trying to raise awareness and measure student body interest to see if the protest is something that should be more structured.

"Once [UMW] Student Senate starts I'd like to do something so we can bring it to the attention of the BOV [Board of Visitors]," she said. "Right now people are just learning about it, once we get more into the swing of things there will be more of an uproar that our heritage is being covered up."

Merna also agrees with the idea of having both a UMW and an MWC seal displayed.

"We can move forward while still being proud of our past," she said.

Hurley said the seal is being carefully preserved,

"but as far as a visible MWC seal on campus we have the best situation one could have with it being permanently displayed in the floor of the Trinkle lobby."

Corbin said she is aware of the petition, but it has not been presented to the president's office yet. She also said she is not certain about when the new seal's installation will occur.

Many other renovations were made this summer.

According to Richard Pearce, associate vice president for business and finance at the University, all of the funds came from the state of Virginia and not from tuition and fees.

New seats on the ground floor of the auditorium are from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. and have been reupholstered. The seats on the balcony level are the best seats left from the ground floor, also reupholstered.

Furthermore, some structural and electrical work was completed. Alex Gomez, lead technician of Dodd Auditorium and multimedia services, said there is now five additional feet of permanent stage, previously on temporary risers.

Gomez also said four new subwoofers (speakers designed to reproduce low bass sounds) were added beneath the stage and a mobile sound console was purchased.

The previous sound console was located in a control booth at the back of the auditorium. The new one allows Dodd staff to mix sound from any location in the audience.

Jeffrey Pierce, director of Dodd Auditorium and multimedia services, said some of the most important improvements were designed to make the auditorium safer and more accessible.

Before the renovations Dodd was not wheelchair accessible, according to Pierce. With the addition of wheel chair accessible points of entry, Dodd is now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Energy-saving fluorescent strip lights line the aisles and stairs in the auditorium, so if people arrive late or have to leave in the middle of an event, they will be able to move safely and efficiently find their way.

With renovations also come restrictions. All food and drinks will be confiscated at the door in order to better preserve the new floor and seats, according to Pierce.

"Most of the floor and carpet damage, and all of the seat damage were from food and drinks," Pierce said. "It was like a movie theater."

According to Pierce, at last count 340 bottles of water were confiscated since the renovations. Gomez and Pierce both said they don't know anything about the petition, nor do they know the University's plans for the seal. Susan Knick, senior director of events, conferences and facilities scheduling, also said she was unaware of any petition or controversy.



Top: Old seal.
Left: New Seal.

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Above: Tables at the Underground. Left: Senior Ali Ris makes coffee for students at the Underground, where she works. Lee Hall will undergo renovations in 2006.

Changes in Lee Hall at a glance:

- Bookstore moving to the second floor
- Ballroom being divided up into three spaces
- Career services and academic services moving in

Renovations In Lee Hall Will Affect Underground

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Complete renovation of Lee Hall will begin in May 2006 with a \$14 million state funded price tag attached.

All of the office spaces and services will be relocated until the project is complete, except for the Underground. The student managed and employed facility will be closed for 18 months and will not reopen until the renovations are complete.

The proposed renovations include making

all of Lee Hall fully compliant with the American with Disabilities Act as well as constructing a 20,000 square foot addition above the parking lot.

"The goal is to create a one-stop student service center, so that you don't have to run back and forth from Lee to every other place on campus," said Executive Vice President Richard Hurley.

The architectural firm of Einhorn, Yaffee, and Prescott, who designed the 2003 renovations of Combs Hall, will maintain the aesthetic integrity of the 52-year-old building,

Hurley said. All of the spaces within the building will be reconfigured to better assist the students. Hurley said some parts of Lee Hall, such as the Underground, will not be drastically altered.

"We want it to retain its ratskeller feel," he said.

Hurley said renovations to the Underground will make it fresh without being sterile.

Part of the plan for the Underground includes equipping it with a warming kitchen to provide another on-campus dining option.

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, wants the Underground to become more of meeting place for everyone on campus, not just the students.

"Let's create a space that students, faculty and staff will be attracted to, to get more interaction between the community," Chirico said.

Senior Jess Rigel, co-manager of the Underground, has not seen the plans and is hesitant about what she has heard proposed.

"I don't want them to take away the core of what I've grown to love," Rigel said. "I'm terrified it'll become a miniature Eagles' Nest."

Although coordinating programming in the Underground goes through the office of student activities and the Underground has to abide by Sodexo regulations, it is the only student-managed organization on campus.

"I value the Underground for being a more student-oriented atmosphere and being less affiliated with something institutionalized," Rigel said. "I don't want it to lose its vibe."

The exact menu for the future Underground has not yet been created, but Chirico said it will probably be geared more towards lunch foods.

Having a wider menu beyond coffee and prepackaged snacks would entail a greater involvement on Sodexo's part.

"It won't become Seacobeck, that's for sure," Chirico said.

Sophomore Emma Klemt, an Underground employee, lives in Marshall Hall and likes the idea of having an alternative place to eat besides Seacobeck and the Eagle's Nest. But like Rigel, she's reluctant to accept the change to the Underground at the cost of losing its unique character.

"It would be really nice to not have to walk forever and a half away," Klemt said. "But then again, at the same time, this place has a lot of character. It's a mystery to people."

Klemt said the 11 employees all know one another and most are familiar with the regulars

who come in for coffee or a place to study.

Sophomore Sean Placchetti is a former regular who now works at the Underground.

"A lot of the campus won't even notice it's gone," Placchetti said.

The renovation to Lee will take an estimated 18 months to two years, Hurley said. In the meantime, all of the offices housed in Lee will need to continue to function. According to Hurley, members of the building committee are currently devising a plan for where everything will go in the interim. He estimated the relocation plan will be ready in four to five weeks' time.

Of the interior renovations the most notable change will be to the bookstore and the ballroom. The bookstore will occupy the space currently held by admissions on the second floor—a more prominent location. Chirico said the expanded bookstore would extend into the addition above the parking lot.

The ballroom would also lose some of its distinction when it is transformed into three separate spaces instead of the one large one. In the architectural plan, these three new rooms will be more cohesive to holding conference-style workshops while still able to accommodate large lectures.

"People seem to be understanding that we want to create something that's good for the school and useful for the students," Chirico said.

Not everyone thinks a complete renovation and further relocation of student services will solve the matter of inconvenience, however.

"What they're planning on doing is taking a diffuse jumble of chaotic mess and putting it together to form a closely knit jumble of chaotic mess," said senior Falyon Owens.

Owens studied abroad last spring and was told that upon returning to campus this fall she needed to speak to her academic advisor in Jepson to coordinate her transfer credits.

She started there but was told to go to two other locations on campus before being sent back to her advisor.

At Longwood University, where Hurley worked as vice president for administration and finance before coming to Mary Washington, the university had access to an empty building during the renovation of one of their academic buildings.

"Things are going to change around here for a couple of years," Hurley said. "We don't have a vacant building where we can move everyone into."

When renovation is complete, Lee Hall will house everything Mary Washington students would need outside of classes from the student health center to academic and career services.